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It didn't take much to elicit screams of joy from some elementary school students during the Winter Fun Day on Friday, Feb. 24. More on page 12. Darren Lum Staff

Tourism stakeholders decry cuts

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

A number of Haliburton County's tourism stakeholders are unhappy with council's decision to reduce its tourism department's budget for 2012.

That decision was made at January meeting.

With department director Bob Smith set to retire in April, approximately \$80,000 was removed from the department's budget, dropping it to about \$395,000 for the year.

The reduced budget and the fact there doesn't seem to be a plan to replace Smith concerned Dale Rider at Buttermilk Falls Resort enough that she sent an email to others in the tourism industry, asking them to email council if they too were worried by the reduction.

Councillors received more than 20 emails ahead of their Feb. 22 meeting from some of the county's tourism movers and shakers.

From restaurateurs to accommodators to lower-tier municipal staff, people wrote emails expressing their dismay at the decision.

"The last time I checked, this county was tourism-driven," wrote Bill Dewey, agency owner at WRD Cottage Rentals. "Get with the program and do what you were elected to do, which is to get us all through another summer season of prosperity with enough money left over to get us all through another six months of winter despair. Cutting the tourism budget by \$80,000 is not the way to do it."

Dysart et al Reeve and county Warden Murray Fearrey recounted how the county had come to the current situation.

With a push on economic development, the county hired Smith in 2005, and before long, what had been a one-employee department, was a three-person one.

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Land Trust moves next to Canoe FM



Here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is moving to a new location on March 1.

Their new office is located beside Canoe FM at 739 Mountain St., Haliburton.

The downside of the new office is it doesn't come furnished.

As a not-for-profit charity, they are looking for donations of equipment, supplies and furniture from the community to help them outfit the office.

For information or to donate contact Elisha at 705-457-6062 or email admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

Still space in Curl for Care

Curl for Care is March 10 and all proceeds will go to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

The cost of this event is \$45 per person or \$180 for a team. You get six-end games, prizes and dinner.

There is space for two more teams. For more information, registration, or sponsorship opportunities you can call 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580 or you can email foundations@hhhs.on.ca.

Wild game dinner March 10

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Associaton is hosting a dinner on March 10 at the Haliburton Legion.

The event includes a silent action and a dance. Tickets to this event can be purchased at the HHOA or online. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$50 for couples.

The event starts at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a band and dancing. For more information call 705-457-



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Building momentum

Beth O'Connor of RBC Dominion Securities, centre, presents Leora Berman and Jim O'Connor of the Donald Eco-Innovation Centre with a cheque for \$1,500. The centre is attempting to raise \$50,000 by September, with the goal of opening next spring. For more information, visit www. buildingbetween.ca.

Chad Ingram

OPP arrest two snowmobilers

On Feb. 17 at 1:05 a.m. OPP officers of the Haliburton Highlands detachment observed two snowmobiles leaving the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs trail and entering Kashagawigamog Lake Road.

The snowmobiles initially attempted to flee, but were stopped by officers, who determined both drivers had been consuming alcohol.

As a result, both snowmobile drivers were arrested for impaired driving.

Å 25-year-old woman from Haliburton is charged with impaired driving and operating a motor vehicle with more than 80 mgs of alcohol in her blood.

She is to appear in court in Minden on April 4 to deal with the charges.

A 27-year-old Highlands East man is charged with impaired driving and operating a motor vehicle with more than 80 mgs of alcohol in his blood.

He is to appear in court in Minden on April 4 to deal with the charges.

- Submitted by the OPP

Shooting at deer decoy costs man \$2,000

A Kirkfield man has been fined a total of \$2,000 for shooting at a white-tailed deer decoy from the road onto private property.

Frank Stewart pleaded guilty and was fined \$1,000 for trespassing to hunt and \$1,000 for discharging a firearm from a roadway.

The court heard that on Nov. 9, 2011, Minden area conservation officers placed a white-tailed deer decoy in the Uphill area of the City of Kawartha Lakes.

The decoy was set up in response to complaints about firearms being fired from vehicles and trespassing to hunt. The decoy was placed on private property that was fenced and clearly posted with no trespassing signs as well as red markings on trees to prohibit entry.

On the morning of Nov. 9, Stewart drove past the decoy in his truck and slowed to a stop.

Stewart got out of the vehicle, loaded his firearm, walked back and fired one shot at the decoy from the road before driving away.

After driving a short distance, he was stopped by conservation officers.

Justice of the Peace Stephen Lancaster heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Lindsay, on Feb. 17.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours.

You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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Clarification

At the Business Improvement Area meeting Feb. 13, members discussed Christmas sales, promotion and local shopping. JanKnit's owner, Janet Sheehey said: "this year was really slack. If we want people to stay around, we need to give them something." She contacted the paper last week to clarify that she meant promotion – not sales or customer numbers – was slack. She suggested better promotions for next year.

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Angelica Blenich Staff Diane Dawson of Wintergeen Maple Products hands a maple syrup stick to Jessica Madamba at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Feb. 23. The sweet treats were just one example of food that is available locally.



Mary Sisson, front right, samples the fine selection of treats on hand, all made with local ingredients. Refreshments included oatmeal cookies, maple syrup tarts, deviled eggs, meatballs, Arctic char and chicken. The food was made by students enrolled in the HHSS's hospitality class.

Foodies gather to support eating locally

Film, demonstrations and information drive home local food message

Angelica Blenich Staff reporter

The initiative continues to grow.

Close to 100 people were drawn to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Feb. 23 to meet those involved in locally grown food and watch a documentary film about the movement, titled *Fresh*.

The event featured displays from farmers and food producers in Haliburton County who are hoping to bring awareness on the importance of eating locally, including the Haliburton County Farmers' Association, Abbey Gardens and Windy Meadows Farm.

Refreshments were prepared by students in the high school's hospitality class and featured local ingredients such as Arctic char, guacamole, chicken, maple syrup and oatmeal.

Directed by Ana Sofia Joanes, the film centres on food champions throughout the United States undertaking sustainable food projects and ideas.



Curtis Eastmure, left, chats with Jim Hopkins about Abbey Gardens. The sustainable garden project was just one of the many displays of local food producers and initiatives from Haliburton County. The event drew approximately 100 people interested in the local food movement, and featured a screening of the documentary film Fresh.

Highlands snow draws sledders north

Jenn Watt

Editor

True snowmobilers will follow the snow wherever it is.

In southern Ontario, good conditions have been hard to find, driving sledders north to areas like Muskoka and the Haliburton Highlands

"We have had the snow that everybody wants so they're coming here to ride," says Mark Lester publisher of Supertrax Magazine, who also wrote a letter to the paper this week.

Lester's business is snowmobiling and he's been in communication with several businesses that are benefiting from the area's abundance of snow.

"They're all just thrilled in our area with the increase in business this year. It's come at the expense of businesses in other areas like Grey/Bruce, southwestern Ontario and even the Kawarthas," Lester said.

He credited the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association with keeping the trails in good shape for visitors.

The season had a slow start with most of December leaving the landscape green, but the area's recent snow fortunes have buoyed husiness

For Fire House Restaurant owner Anita Manning, traffic is back to regular levels – about 200 to 300 patrons on an average Saturday.

"It was just a slow start. We've been fortunate we've been in a snowy area. We've been getting a lot of snow," said Manning, who has owned the restaurant in Ox Narrows on Highway 35 for 10 years.

"By the sounds and the look of the forecast it's going to be a late season," she said ahead of Friday's 10-centimetre snowfall.

"We haven't had ... snowmobiling on March Break for three years," she said.

While Manning didn't think 2012 was an extraordinary year, she agreed with Lester that her restaurant, and the Haliburton Highlands in general, were doing better than other places with less snow.

"It's benefiting us. Snowmobilers follow snow. By about Wednesday or Thursday our phone is ringing off the hook [with] people asking what our trail conditions are like," she said.

At Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, there have been a substantial number of snowmobilers coming through of late.

Forest general manager Dave Bishop said the season has improved thanks to a solid foundation of snow.

"It's busy without a doubt. There are people everywhere out travelling looking for the little bit of snow that they can find. We're having a great season right now. It's a slow start, but right now it's busy," Bishop said last week.

During the Family Day weekend, he estimated 2,000 snowmobilers went through the Forest on the trail from Kennisis to Little Redstone lakes

"It was unbelievable. We went through about 18,000 litres of gasoline on the weekend," he said

Normally, they would sell around 10,000 litres. With 300 kilometres of trails and snow-mobiles for rent, Haliburton Forest has been operational since Dec. 27 of this year.

Bishop said machine rentals have been down, while activity has been up.

"My theory ... is anybody who has an investment in winter [such as owning a machine and trailer] ... is searching out snow and of course Haliburton Highlands and east of here has snow. Anybody who does not have an investment is not sourcing it out," he said.

While Bishop wouldn't speculate on whether the good weather will keep up until March Break, he did say that within the Forest, the trails are ready earlier and stay frozen longer than most.

"We put 50 years into developing our trail system and the vast majority of our trail is on gravel access road. You only need a four-inch base to start to groom, which allows you to get frost in to hold your trails longer and allows you to get people up here sooner," he said, "A lot of it is about getting the frost into the ground so that you don't lose the snow that you've already got. ... So, the quicker you can get on there and pound down to get the frost in, the longer you'll keep your trails."

In Haliburton, Shamrock Service Centre owner Greg Tibbitts said snowmobile business of late has been steady.

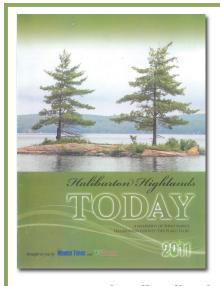
"The last couple of weekends have been really good. You need snow. It depends on the weather," he said.

During the Family Day weekend, Tibbitts estimated about 800 snowmobiles fueled up at his pumps. According to Lester, snowmobilers will spend \$800 to \$1,200 a weekend wherever they travel.

"If you can attract winter tourist [to your community], a downhill skier is your largest spender, but very close behind is the snowmobiler," he said, noting they will spend on food, accommodation and gas.

"That's a really good tourists to have come to your community."

County looks to partner with Kawartha Lakes on games



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Staff reporter

Haliburton County will be looking to the City of Kawartha Lakes to partner with it on its bid for the 2014 Ontario Youth Summer

Without the partnership of its neighbour to the south, it's likely the county will not go ahead with its bid.

At their Feb. 22 meeting, county councillors heard from Dennis Casey, who they are eyeballing to put together the bid proposal for the county. As Casey explained, there is a rather lengthy list of requirements the county would have to meet, including new minimum standards for facilities and thorough analysis of each event site

"A lot of the standards we can meet," Casey said, but added there are some events that would have to take place outside the county.

Because a rubberized track is required for running events, those would have to take place at a Lindsay high school. Lindsay's Wilson Fields would be required for hardball.

Rugby would also take place in Lindsay, while lawn bowling would be done in Bobcageon. The games also require that aquatic events take place in an Olympic-sized pool, of which there are only five in the province.

"The transportation is a huge, huge issue," Casey said, explaining that while about 28 buses were required for the shuttling of 1,000 athletes and spectators during the 2011 Winterfest Ontario Seniors' Games held in the county, some 60 buses would be required to shuttle around the 3,500 people the youth games would draw. Upgrades to facilities would also be required - improvements to lighting, the construction of dugouts, etc. -

which would be borne by the lower tiers.

"There will be costs inquired to each of the townships," Casey said.

Constructing a starting gate for the BMX races alone would cost about \$20,000. Casey put together bids for the county for the 2010 youth games and the 2011 Winterfest, providing about 500 hours of work for free. This time around, he's requesting a sum of \$6,500 and was quick to express he wouldn't be upset if the county could find someone who'd do the work for less. No councillors took issue with the fee, but there were some concerns with other aspects. Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid was skeptical about the fact the county didn't seem to have appropriate venues for a number of events, although Casey pointed out there were only about five events of more than 30 the county couldn't host within its borders. Reid wondered about partnering with the City of Kawartha Lakes on the bid.

This would include splitting the \$200,000 the host community is required to set aside in case of shortfall.

Last year's Winterfest didn't end up costing the county anything and the estimated economic impact to the area was \$1.4 million.

While councillors are hoping to pick up a Haliburton County Development Corporation grant to cover the expense of the bid, they likely wouldn't know about the fate of the grant until April. The deadline for the bid is May. "And it's not enough time," Casey said.

Councilllors seemed to agree that they wouldn't proceed with the bid unless the City of Kawartha Lakes is interested in a partnership and expect to hear back within a number of weeks. There are three other communities who have submitted letters of intent to host the games, one of them Muskoka. The winning community will be announced in August.

Lack of tourism plan a problem: councillor says

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Last year, councillors decided to restructure the department, shedding economic development responsibilities to the lowertier townships to concentrate on tourism promotion.

Smith's departure will leave the department with two staff.

While Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, the only councillor who'd voted to keep the \$80,000 in the budget, has said it will be very difficult to put the money back in the budget after removing it, Fearrey disagreed.

"You should budget what you need," he said. "The confusion to me comes [in] what we do moving forward."

Since technology, especially social media, is changing the nature of tourism marketing, Fearrey said the county needs to make a thorough analysis of how it moves forward and whether methods it's used in

the past are worth continuing.

"Do we need an info booth over there?" he asked, referring to the county-operated information centre on Highway 35 in Minden, and noting that phone calls were down by 35 per cent.

"We need to hear from the stakeholders," Fearrey said. "There's all those things that need to be answered. I kind of resent the little email stuff that's going around. We're not gutting the tourism budget."

Councillors are discussing hosting a town hall meeting with stakeholders, similar to one held two years ago, to figure out what direction the community would like to see the department move in.

Fearrey, pointing out there are a number of groups that do tourism promotion to some degree within the county, said there needed to be more cohesion.

"Everybody's working in a silo," he said. Moffatt, who maintained dropping the \$80,000 from the budget was a bad idea, said the reduction was being seen as a permanent cut to the department by the county.

"That's what people think," she said. "The fact is people are passionate about this and they do see it as a cut."

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, who worked for decades in the marketing industry, had concerns about the way the department had been operating, specifically its overhead-to-working-capital ratio.

The ratio in this department. never seen in my marketing career," Reid said. "It's a question of can the activities be delivered to the target market?"

Reid said the shift to social media was advantageous for the county, since it didn't have the means to compete with other destinations through more traditional advertising methods.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, noting her township was looking into the creation of a strategic plan,

wondered what had happened to a similar process the county had started for itself a few years back.

'We really do have a lack of a plan all the way around," Danielsen said. "It is the whole lack of plan that is creating our ongoing problems.ື

Conceding she would die on the hill of the \$80,000, Moffatt wondered if \$20,000 or \$25,000 could be allotted for the development of new county websites.

'Our websites are a disaster," Moffatt said, calling them outdated.

"You're probably right about the website," Fearrey said.

"I am," Moffatt responded.

Councillors were amenable to pulling money from reserves for the development of a new online presence.

With losses in provincial funding, the county is passing a tight budget for 2012, with the treasurer and department heads still looking for savings.



26th Rotary auction a hit

From jewelry to maple syrup to dart boards, there was a wide variety of items to bid on at an auction held by the Haliburton Rotary Club at the curling club on Feb. 25. This was the 26th annual auction for the club, which included a catered dinner by Rhubarb, raffles throughout the evening as well as a professional live auction following dinner.

The Rotary Club of Haliburton sponsors both local projects and international humanitarian work with the money it collects.

Chad Ingram Staff



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Making a plan

Jenn Watt

Editor

THERE'S NO DOUBT the county of Haliburton should be concerned about tourism.

It is the basis of our economy and attracts not only the cottagers

and tourists that provide income to our accommodators, retailers and service providers, but also introduces prospective long-term residents to the area.

Because it is the mainstay of our economy, council's suggestion that \$80,000 in the tourism budget be removed in the coming year has ruffled the feathers of many in the sector.

At its Feb. 22 meeting, council heard from several stakeholders who were unhappy with the move - especially during tough economic times.

The \$80,000 has been taken out of the budget because of the retirement of Robert Smith, who was the director of economic development and tourism for the county.

Economic development is being handed off to the lower tiers (Minden Hills, Dysart, Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East) to take over.

For most councillors, taking the money out of the budget made sense - Smith will soon be leaving the position, his duties will be

absorbed elsewhere and they're looking at a sizeable funding shortfall from the province of Ontario of \$332,000.

But for those who operate busi-

nesses within the tourism sector, even the removal of a relatively small amount of money from the budget is unwelcome.

Councillors argue that there is no cohesive plan for tourism promotion and allotting money for an unknown is unwise, especially when they have to be restrained in

all other spending (each department has been asked to find substantial savings this year).

While this is true, it seems the deficiency councillors see is where that \$80,000 would be best spent.

It is incredible that our county does not have a tourism plan going forward - something that not only makes budgeting difficult, but also leaves our largest industry without direction.

Perhaps the money saved in the wake of Smith's retirement can be earmarked for creating a plan for the county's tourism promotion and expansion.

If we're looking for a good way out of economic hardship, investing in our economy is one of the best things we can do.



Snowscape of trees

photo by Darren Lum

The ukulele that could

Lynda Shadbolt

Tales from The Great

Green Meadow

'AM CONSTANTLY IN awe of the music that is in this community. There is something for everyone. We

have a men's choir, women's choirs, a community choir, a children's community choir, church choirs and choirs in the schools. There are wonderful teachers of piano, flute, guitar, bagpipes, drums, strings, wind instruments, country, jazz, classical, opera, blues and rock music (and more, I know I'm not getting them all). There is every kind of band imaginable that one could join.

There is the annual music festival that happens in April, the upcoming school musical at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, evening concerts in the summer at the Haliburton Forest and of course the Highlands Summer Festival. There is the folk society and the many concerts they offer. This weekend is the annual Winter Folk Camp at YMCA Camp Wanakita where there will be songwriting, advanced guitar playing, a choir, ukulele lessons and more.

There are all the musical people who Ovolunteer their time at Canoe FM to create music shows with themes like rock and roll, big band, blues and more. I have always been so inspired by all the people who contribute all this music to the community. It is so enriching for all of us.

When my friends and I have dinner parties, we often sing (several play instruments) and it is a fun way to hang tle down on myself about not being able to play something, my daughter always reminds me "now don't forget about the egg Mom, you play it really well." She is

so kind (she who plays the

I do love the egg and it is a great instrument for me because I can dance while playing it. But in the last little while I've been wanting to stretch my musical abilities and so on a whim I signed up for the ukulele stream at the upcoming Winter Folk Camp.

I did take it in Grade 4 and so I'm hoping that will help out when I get there this

weekend. I've been excited and nervous as the weekend approaches. You can't imagine my delight and surprise when I came home one evening last week, and my friends had left a little gift on my kitchen table for me - a beautiful, little, funky yellow ukulele. It is just so perfect. I'll look good, if nothing else at the weekend. Since getting it I just can't put it down.

I've learned three chords and I'm thinking I'm going places. I told my daughter she has to take the day off school and come to the campers' concert (where all the folk camp participants do a show for each other). I'll be on the stage in the ukulele band and I want a fan. I've attended so many of her performances over the years and so now it is her turn. Who knows - maybe there is a ukulele and piano duet in the future. For more information about Winter Folk Camp check out www.winterfolkcamp.com.



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out. Every once in a while when I get a lit-



points of view

There is no soy in Mudville

LIKE TO THINK that I keep an open mind. For instance, someone once told me that there are actually people who don't like fishing, so I considered that ridiculous statement for a full three seconds before discarding it altogether.

That's why it should come as no surprise that I consented to try a milk substitute last week.

Don't get me wrong - I'm not going soft on cows or abandoning my lifelong fascination of all things

Steve Galea

Loon Tales

dairy-related. No, I did it because milk is the only

non-alcohol based liquid I can think of that exceeds the price per litre of gasoline these days. I thought that perhaps we could save a little on the grocery bill by making our milk last just a bit longer. And that is why we decided to try some vanilla soy drink.

Hey, it seemed like a reasonable substitute. I mean how can a concoction of filtered water, soy protein, cane sugar,

corn syrup solids, fructose, canola oil, tricalcium phosphate, potassium citrate, natural vanilla flavour, brown rice syrup and several other equally delicious ingredients not be packed to the brim with wholesome flavour?

I won't say it's bad. But I will say that had the CIA fed this to prisoners at Guantanamo Bay just once, water boarding would have never been required. It's that good.

Look, drinking this stuff actually made me want to go hug a cow. I literally couldn't finish a glass of it and I am not a fussy person. Heck, I eat squirrel.

But this was different.

Jenn saw that I was struggling with it and said, "Why don't you just give the rest to the dogs?'

To which, I answered, "Are they being punished for something?" I know. Right now people who love this drink are probably upset with my comments. To them I say my condolences on the loss of your taste buds.

The only good thing I can honestly say about soy drink is that if you think it's bad going in, just wait 30 minutes till it decides to come out in gaseous form. I won't subject you to the horrific details. Suffice it to say that my springer spaniel came over and high-fived me and word on the street is that the local skunk union is filing a grievance against me for me doing work of the bargaining unit.

By the way, if anyone from Environment Canada is reading this,

As horrible as the experience was, it also explains a lot of things. For instance, I've always wondered why the price of milk in our area was so high. Now, I know that it's because the only other option available to us is soy-based products.

Did some good come of this?

Well, as I said, I now have a greater appreciation for the dairy industry in general and cows in particular. Not to overstate it, but they are our last line of defense against soy-based drinks.

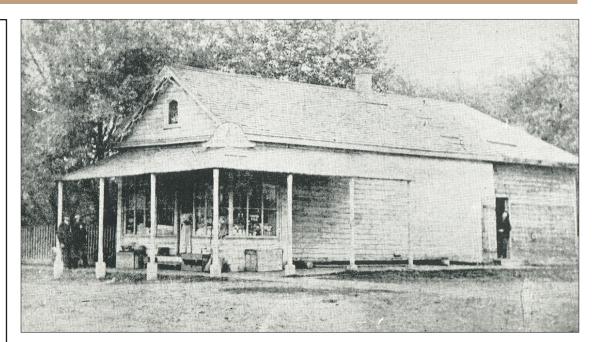
Will I drink it again?

Strangely enough, I could foresee certain circumstances where drinking this might be helpful. Say I was in a seedy bar and some big guy asked me if I wanted to fight. That's when I'd answer, "Sure, just let me finish a drink first."

I'd then ask the bartender to bring me a soy drink.

'Is this going to take long?" he might then ask.

That's when I'd reply, "Yes it is. Why don't you come back in 30 minutes?



pic of the past

ost office and store in 1892. S.E. corner of Highland Street and Maple Avenue. Submitted by Grant and Mary McCracken. If you have a pic of the past you'd like to submit, bring it to the Echo at 146 Highland Street.

letters to the editor

Teacher fond of Wilberforce ski program

To the Editor,

Re: CADS brings smiles to faces

I have many fond memories of days spent on the slopes of Sir Sam's as a teenager growing up in the Highlands. As a teacher in the Practical Academics and Life Skills program for students with developmental disabilities at Fenelon Falls Secondary School, it was incredibly rewarding to see the smiles on the faces of my students as they first tried skiing on the same slope where I learned to ski.

This experience could not have been possible without the incredible support of the Haliburton chapter of the Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing (CADS) and Sir Sam's ski school.

The CADS volunteers and the ski school staff exceeded all expectations. They provided a fun and engaging learning experience tailored to the students' strengths and needs and continued support through-

Their commitment meant that each of my students had the opportunity to ski Sir Sam's from top to bottom with professional support and instruction.

Special thanks to Terry Maher (director of CADS Haliburton) and Dave Webb (Sir Sam's Ski School director) and their staff teams - your efforts made dreams come true for my students!

> **Sheamus Donnery** Lakefield

needs gas now

To the Editor,

The town of Wilberforce needs a gas station. You need fuel to run a town.

The economy struggles enough with rising costs. There used to be hundreds of snowmobilers in a weekend, now not very many and this in turn can slow business elsewhere within the town.

I hope council can see the threat this poses for the economic health of Wilberforce now and in the future. I hope council can give an incentive for the station to reopen if only to help every business and everyone who lives or does business in Wilberforce.

As of now Harcourt benefits from having fuel available and it's good for Harcourt. Not so good for Wilberforce.

Wilberforce has a lot to offer ... a bank, a restaurant, LCBO, Foodland, general store, real-estate office. It only makes good business sense to have fuel available

> Jamie Koehnke Wilberforce

More letters to the Editor on page 8

letters

Thank you Haliburton County Snowmobile Association

To the Editor.

If the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce has an award for volunteer organizations I would heartily endorse one be given this year to the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA).

With many of Ontario's hot spot snowmobile destinations without snow this winter snowmobilers have literally invaded our county (and Muskoka) to take advantage of our trails and snow. The result has been one of the busiest winters I can recall in the last 20 years in our county. I have personally spoken to a number of tourism operators here in the county and they - without exception - are thrilled with the increase in food, fuel and accommodation business.

It's important to remember while this substantial economic impact is good for the businesses in the county the HCSA has to live off revenue generated from its OFSC trail permit

sales locally. The visitors we have enjoyed this winter bought their passes elsewhere.

The HCSA has done an outstanding job of keeping the trails smooth despite thousands of extra sleds here every weekend.

We are truly blessed to have such an important and responsive home based tourism revenue generator working tirelessly for the benefit of our local economy.

Snowmobilers are among the most affluent and highest spending winter tourists and Haliburton is known for being one of - not just Canada's - but North America's best snowmobile destinations. Thanks HCSA!

Mark Lester Supertrax International Magazine

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our home!

HHOA announces partnership

Partnership to have immediate dividends for programs, members and tourism

In a continuing effort to strengthen its programming and tourism potential, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association has partnered with Yours Outdoors and Out to Learn.

The new partnership combines the wealth of experience of the two companies with the resources of the HHOA to increase visibility and programming potential for all

'We must make better use of our facility and assets to foster the wise use and sustainability of our natural resources and healthy ecosystems," said Bill Hutson, HHOA president. "More education programs will also increase use of our visitor centre and property, and contribute to the long-term viability of our organization. It is our intention to develop and implement an education plan to ensure that our full potential can be realized."

Out to Learn, a division of Glenside Ecological Services Limited, is a local company that provides experiential education for learners of all ages and curriculum based learning for schools.

Out to Learn works with a variety of organizations to plan and implement Naturally Kids Discovery Day Camp, Junior Naturalists Camp, and the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival. Yours Outdoors has a successful track record of offering experiential tourism and learning vacations.

'The combined experience, expertise and resources of these two companies and the HHOA will result in dynamic educational programming that will attract schools, tourists, and seasonal and permanent residents" said HHOA vice president, John Teljeur. "We are very excited about the potential of this public-private partnership and what it means for the future of the HHOA."

Paul Heaven, president of Glenside Ecological Services notes "that while we will be focusing on the longer term development of HHOA education programming and facilities, we will be making use of the Fish Hatchery in the short term. For example, the Junior Naturalist program (Haliburton) will be held at the hatchery this summer.

"In April, Irene Heaven who is teaching the environmental and natural resource studies dual credit course offered by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and Fleming College, will be taking 22 students to the Fish Hatchery to learn about the role that the hatchery plays in fisheries manage-

Further announcements about new packages and programs are expected in the next few months.

-Submiteed by the HHOA

We need greener jobs

To the Editor,

I gather that MPP Laurie Scott and the Conservative party are going to push for the wholesale adoption of the Drummond Report. The Drummond Report is a very conventional document that cost taxpayers \$1,500 a day.

Mr. Drummond is a respected economist and ex-banker but that sector has a lot to answer for. The one useful point he made was to indicate that the millions of dollars the provincial government gives to the business community every year is not paying dividends and should cease.

Other than that he came up with the usual we should all tighten our belts, and put up with cuts to education and health care. Why

An educated and healthy citizenry is needed more and more to get our economy going, pay taxes and create a better, more sustainable society for our young people.

So the old industrial economy is declining.Is this news? In this new century we need a new economy.

One way to get that is to rebuild infrastructure in a more sustainable way and to invent

new technology.

We need green jobs. But we don't have political leaders with any vision.

In Haliburton we have people in the geothermal business; we have citizens experimenting with solar energy; we have people participating in the local food markets. Yet our government and the Tory opposition are doing nothing to put people to work to get segregated bike lanes, alternative energy, electric cars with infrastructure so you can go in and change your battery in five minutes on long

And the Conservatives in response to the Drummond Report that says little about how to grow the economy or how to go in a new direction, think it should just be adopted?

We need new smart leaders that understand the problems of the 21st century, and the only way to get them is to start questioning and complaining if you don't get an answer.

To change over to a sustainable society will take a lot of work but it will also mean a lot of

> **Laurel MacDowell** Haliburton/Toronto



Lions donate

The Haliburton Folk Society received a donation of \$500 in support of their Winter Folk Camp. Pictured from left, Lion Betty Mills, president, Thom Lambert and Lion David Mills. /Photo submitted by David Mills

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County passes on rent supplement

Staff reporter

County council has turned down a request from Places for People to help with rent supplements on a duplex the not-for-profit housing corporation is eyeing in Carnarvon.

Councillors made the decision after a visit from Places for People president Fay Martin during their Feb. 22 meeting.

Martin's presentation came on the heels of another by Hope Lee, manager of the joint housing corporation for the county and City of Kawartha Lakes.

Lee was there to inform councillors about a rent supplement program, through which the two municipalities would share costs in subsidies for renters of low-income, affordable housing.

The cost-sharing is based on assessed property value. For non-profit buildings, the county would pick up 38 per cent of the supplement and the city 62 per cent.

For units owned by the municipal housing corporation, the county would be responsible for nine per cent of subsidy, with the city picking up the remaining 91 per cent.

Martin was hoping the county would utilize the program to help residents at the Highway 35 duplex her organization is looking at purchasing. It is just inside Algonquin Highlands township.

"It would be suitable for families," Martin

She was hoping the county would include eight months of rent supplement money in its 2012 budget and noted an investor interested in the project needed an answer by the beginning of March.

Dysart et al Reeve and county Warden Murray Fearrey had some issues with the request. "You don't give us a lot of time," Fearrey

The county is in the process of finalizing a tight budget for 2012.

The warden also noted the county was already making a sizable contribution to affordable housing this year, with \$190,000 towards the the 24-unit complex to be constructed just outside Haliburton Village.

The province and feds are picking up the majority of costs for that project. Fearrey also took issue with the location of Carnarvon.

"How are they going to get their kids to the arena?" he asked. "The transportation will be the next thing."

The warden also questioned how many local employment opportunities the small community has to offer.

Martin said she thought tenants might be able to find work right in Carnarvon, however a number of councillors questioned the suitability of the location.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen pointed out that Carnarvon has corner stores but not a proper grocery.

"While this may not be perfect, it is adding to affordable housing for families in Haliburton County," said Martin. "I think you can cut us some slack on that."

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid wondered about a Bobcaygeon Road property Places for People had been looking at recently and while Martin said there was still potential there, financial and timeline concerns had her organization looking elsewhere.

The Carnarvon building has been made available through power of sale.

In the end, uncomfortable with the fact the decision would mean a commitment of thousands of dollars a year for a number of years, councillors passed.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt suggested Places for People may want to look at Dorset, which has a grocery, as a location in the future and Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said he'd like to see a project in his municipality.

Places for People may look at community fundraising options for the Carnarvon

Hot off the press: 2012 Haliburton Highlands Destination Guide

After months of preparation, the County of Haliburton's tourism and marketing and Parker Pad & Printing Ltd. are proud to announce the release of the 2012 Haliburton Highlands Destination Guide.

A total of 50,000 copies were printed earlier this week by Parker Pad & Printing Ltd. and are set to hit shelves across the county and the province. Copies are already being handed out at The Outdoor Adventure Show in Toronto, which runs through this weekend.

This year's 72-page guide places an emphasis on the county's slogan "A Natu-

ral Work of Art" and features sections on experience tours, camping, the arts, events in all seasons, local accommodators and more. In an attempt to promote the four seasons equally, two different covers have been utilized - one with a photograph of a kayaker and the other with a skier lounging in an Adirondack chair on a snow-covered dock. Two thirds of the guides feature the spring/summer cover while the remaining onethird are for the fall/winter

Other new additions include a fold-out centre spread highlighting each of the county's four municipalities and townships, while the back inside cover contains a two-page foldout map of the Haliburton Highlands. Special offers have also been included in some of the advertisements and QR (quick response) codes can be found throughout.

A total of 94 advertisers participated in this year's edition.

To enhance the guide's overall attractiveness, a number of high-quality photographs were used after a call for entries was put out by the county's tourism department soon after the project commenced. Several entries were received and of those, photos from the following individuals and organizations were selected: Kathleen Bowser, Kasey Bull, Sian Cox, Tammy Donaldson, Linda Middleton, Janis Parker, Corey Pietryszyn, Theodore Smith, Tim Tofflemire, Lyn Winans, Camp Can-Aqua, Haliburton

School of the Arts, Highlands Summer Festival and Winterdance Dogsled Tours.

During the current year, guides will go to provincial tourism information centres across the province; consumer shows in the Greater Toronto Area; selected Ontario Chambers of Commerce; local information

outlets and businesses within the Haliburton Highlands. Hundreds of guides are also mailed out in response to website and telephone queries to an international clientele by the Haliburton Highlands Tourism

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Grant to help youth with disabilities transition into adulthood

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

It can be a difficult time in anybody's

Community partners have come together to form a new working group aimed at helping those living with developmental disabilities transition into

The Transitional Age Youth (TAY) group officially launched on Feb. 24 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School with the announcement of a \$24,700 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The two-year grant is part of a large collaborative project between the partners, who hope to utilize the funds to build and strengthen community support for those making the transition.

The funding will be received and administered by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, said Marg Cox, executive director of the organization.

Partners with the project include Community Living Haliburton County, U-Links, Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services, Tri-County Community Support Services, Fleming College, Five Counties Children's Centre, Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, Fleming College and Children's Service Council.

"It's really about the fact that as a community we'd like to do a better job supporting transitional age youth with developmental challenges. What we know is that other jurisdictions have found ways to do things differently than we're doing them in Haliburton County" said Cox.

The bulk of the funding will go to U-Links, who will gather and research information such as best practices on a national level, current local challenges and gaps in services.

Once collected, the information will be presented to the partners at monthly meetings

"Our role is to keep the project moving forward and complete those tasks from each meeting," said Heather Reid of U-

"As service providers and educators we want to implement the presented information in a way that makes most sense,"

One of the goals of the project is a plan to create a web-based and a paper-based resource describing the services available locally for families and youth, said Cox.

"We also want to talk to youth and their families about how we can do things better," said Cox.

Bruce Griffith is the head of the special education department at HHSS, where there are currently 10 students involved in the Practical Academic Life Skills (PALS)

Those living with developmental disabilities can stay in PALS until the age of

Griffith believes the funding will greatly assist those in the program gain some life

"This is long overdue for Haliburton County," he said.

MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Laurie Scott gave her praise for the initiative and vocalized her support for the work done by those local organiza-

"Congratulations on receiving the Trillium grant award. The Ontario Trillium Foundation is one of my favourite programs because I see how it helps so many different groups in the riding," said Scott.

The MPP said she believes the funding will help the youth in the community, a cause she is passionate about.

'We can do a lot better ... we have challenges in rural Ontario just in providing programs. I am very appreciative that the community partnerships here exist and that they applied for this funding," she



Angelica Blenich Staff

A new initiative aimed at transitioning people living with disabilities into adulthood was launched on Feb. 24 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School with the announcement of a \$24,700 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

From back left, Gary Brohman, TLDSB trustee; Vicki Hoare, Tri-County Community Support Services; Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock; Klara Oyler, representative for the Ontario Trillium Foundation; Heather Reid, U-Links; Tim Tofflemire, Community Living; and Dan Marsden, HHSS principal.

Front from left, Kendall Lynn Hart, Jeffrey Coulson and Marg Cox, executive director of Point

Representing the OTF, Klara Oyler expressed her support for the project, stating it tied in with the foundation's commitment to building healthy and vibrant communities.

"Last year an amazing group of community organizations led by Point in Time came to OTF with a plan. They had seen time and time again the barriers that young people with special needs and their families were faced with leaving the school system and moving on to adulthood. We all know that growing up is never easy," said Oyler.

With the help of this funding and the community's support, Oyler strongly believed the transition would become easier. Oyler thanked the group for their commitment, passion and vision, emphasizing how proud it made her to be a part of the foundation and a member of the

"You are what make this community

New performance targets coming for health unit

Jenn Watt

Editor

The health unit is in negotiations with the province to decide what targets for health promotion and protection it should meet.

The province has suggested 14 performance measurement indicators, but not all of them would accurately reflect how well the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is working, medical officer of health Dr. Lynn Noseworthy said.

'What we're trying to do is negotiate with the province which indicators we think are appropriate. And within those indicators, what targets would be appropriate for us to accomplish within the timeframe that they've chosen," she said.

One example of a health promotion indicator is reducing falls within the elderly

Choosing to reduce falls by a specific number doesn't take into account the various situations that can lead to a fall or the other health-care organizations (Local Health Integration Network, for example) that are also mandated to decrease the instances.

When you look at why people fall there are many reasons why elderly people fall and they fall in different settings. We think it would be very hard to hold the board accountable for the prevention of falls when there are other factors that are involved when people fall," Noseworthy

"It's an opportunity for us all to work together to try to address the issue, which is a serious issue. But we disagree with the fact that we are the ones held accountable for any kind of positive change in that particular target because we're not the only one involved in it," she said.

Other indicators include food premises inspection, small drinking water system inspections, immunization rates, smoking rates and vaccine wastage among others.

The health unit has signed an accountability agreement with the province in the past, but this is the first time specific targets are being tied to that agreement.

"This is a first attempt to have indicators for health units in the province. We're learning as we're going. The province wants to be able to demonstrate the effective use of public funds - value for money. They want to demonstrate clear movement on government priorities. They want to demonstrate compliance with the Ontario Public Health Standards, and those are the standards that we have to implement for the province," said Noseworthy.

While health units will be expected to comply with the targets once they are finalized, Noseworthy did not expect funding to be affected by failure to meet numbers.

"Funding is not currently directly tied to achievement of the targets. So, we don't anticipate that there will be funding changes because of not achieving a particular target," she said.

The medical officer stressed that the health unit agrees with the system of performance indicators, it just needed to ensure the indicators made sense for the local population.

"Philosophically we agree with this process because it benefits everybody. It benefits the community [and] it shows value for the money you invest in public health," she

The final targets will be settled on in a couple of months.

Documentary trailer highlights Haliburton

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

With an official release just months away a new film is already generating some buzz.

Set to launch publicly sometime this spring, The Land Between series highlights an environmentally unique region located between the Canadian Shield and the St. Lawrence Lowlands, known as The Land Between.

A trailer capturing the essence of the documentary was recently released and is available to view on YouTube by searching Land Between.

Leora Berman, managing director of The Land Between, spearheaded the project, with the intent of highlighting the region that includes the Haliburton Highlands.

"I'm so proud of it," said Berman of the documentary.

The idea to put together the series came from Berman and her involvement with The Land Between.

The region features a mosaic of varied wildlife and species, set against a backdrop of rivers, lakes, rock and wetlands.

It extends from Parry Sound in the west to Perth, south to Lakefield and north up to Haliburton.

An initiative of the Ontario Visual Heritage Project (OVHP), the series has been in the works for the past three years.

Now in its final stages, Berman, director Zach Melnick and Yvonne Drebert, both of the OVHP, put the documentary

Local personalities such as Haliburton Highlands museum director Tom Ballantine and Peter Schleifenbaum, owner of the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, make appearances in the series.

During the making of the documentary, more than 700 hours of footage was shot by Melnick, who used aids such as helicopters to capture breathtaking scenery.

Berman and her team partnered with Ontario Parks, who donated helicopter time during the shooting.

'I called them up and said 'this is what we're doing and we'd like helicopters.' And they agreed," she laughed, adding the two days of helicopter time equaled \$8,000 in cost savings.

Other partnerships formed for the making of the series include the Trent-Severn Waterway and the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization.

A total of 150 minutes in length, the series will be broadcast on television in three parts following the public launch dates, which will include four viewings throughout the Land Between region.

Footage gathered for the making of the documentary will be for sale through The Land Between.

"We will be using that footage to promote tourism across the Highlands," said Berman.

The film will be launched in Haliburton at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, with the date to be determined.



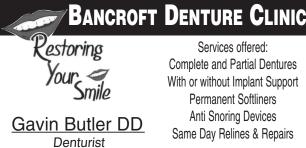


The trailer for The Land Between the film was recently released, with the documentary set to be broadcast later this year. / Photo submitted



Scenes from the documentary titled The Land Between include more than 700 hours of footage from the Haliburton Highlands and surrounding area.

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RE: PIN 39153-0236 (LT being Part of Lots 22 and 23, Concession 9, All of 1' Reserve and Part of Pinepoint Road, Registered Plan No. 524 (Closed by By-Law No. 2011-03 Registered as HA14068), Subject to Hydro One Networks Inc. Easement as in HA14812, Subject to Bell Canada Easement as in HA14811, Subject to Rights of Way as in HA14813 and HA14814, Geographic Township of Harburn, Township of Dysart et al., County of Haliburton, and shown as Part 1 on the attached draft Reference Plan of Survey signed by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., and dated November 15, 2011.

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The said draft Reference Plan of Survey signed by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., and dated November 15, 2011 is attached to an application registered as Instrument No. HA19591 and is available for inspection at the Haliburton County Land Registry Office (No. 19) or the office of the Solicitor for the Applicant:

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SBES winter play day

Clockwise from top left, Stuart Baker Elementary School students do their best to keep the parachute going despite the blustery day during the school's winter fun day on Friday, Feb. 24; one student does what a child does: using a scoop for a mask during the school's winter fun day; students challenge for a loose ball during a game of snow soccer. The school annually hosts the event to enable children to enjoy the season with peers.

Photos by **Darren Lum**

Knowledge can prevent a tragedy

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

The sad reality about carbon monoxide poisoning is that it can be confused for the flu and lead to tragic con-

A couple of months ago an entire Whitehorse, Yukon family of four (plus a renter) succumbed to carbon monoxide poisoning.

That's one too many for Dysart fire chief Miles

He has held this position for the past 21 years and even though he only remembers responding to one carbon monoxide poisoning call (that prevented fatal consequences) last year, Maughan still believes vigilance is the key to preventing any more near misses.

"They should be aware of it. They should understand what the symptoms are," he said. "The symptoms are very similar to the flu so you may not be feeling well and you don't think it is the flu and it persists [get yourself checked out] ... there can be low levels in your house and if you don't have a detector you wouldn't know."

Regarded as the silent killer, carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless, tasteless and toxic gas, which inhibits the blood's capacity to transport oxygen throughout the

The associated symptoms to carbon monoxide experience dizziness, nausea and disorientation before a person loses consciousness.

Maughan points out that the circumstances around carbon monoxide poisoning are more prevalent now because when a heating system (such as a wood stove or a natural gas system) is malfunctioning the gas has nowhere to

Carbon monoxide alarms have been mandatory for new residential homes under the National Building Code of Canada since it was updated in 2005.

Alarms come in a variety of styles, which include combination detectors for smoke and carbon monoxide that are plug-in and battery powered.

They range in price from just under \$30 upwards to \$80 and are available at the Home Hardware in Minden, Home Hardware in Haliburton, V&S Stedman's Minden, V&S Stedman's Haliburton, Todd's Independent in Haliburton, Emmerson Lumber Limited in Haliburton and Tim-Br

Although combination alarms are convenient, Maughan recommends the public purchase single feature units since smoke alarms last 10 years versus the seven for carbon monoxide alarms

These devices often will sound an alarm of a different tone to alert the end of the alarm's life, he said.

The Ontario Fire Marshal's office recommends alarms be located in the sleeping areas of the home, as people are most susceptible to poisoning when sleeping.

They also advise placement be at chest height and should not be blocked by furniture, draperies or other obstructions to prevent airflow (unless it is a combination device, which should be up on the ceiling).

Student numbers decline at board

Dave Flaherty

QMI Agency

Despite enrollment numbers projected to decline for schools across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB), board officials do not see this as having negative effects on students.

Catherine Shedden, manager of communications for



At this time, there are no plans for an accommodation review at any school in our board.

— Catherine Shedden

the TLDSB, said enrollment numbers are monitored regularly and reviewed annually.

A report provided by TLDSB superintendent of business Bob Kaye at the Feb. 14 committee of the whole meeting projects enrollment will decline at most schools

The report indicated there are a handful of schools in the TLDSB system that are currently operating at an enrollment rate of lower than 50 per cent of their ministry-approved capacity.

It was also projected in the report that overall enrollment will continue to drop over the next five years.

Shedden said at schools where enrollment may be low, the board works at encouraging community partnerships in the buildings to make the best use of the facility.

If it came to a point where declining enrollment was having an effect on student programming, there is a process mandated by the Ministry of Education to review any schools, called a Pupil Accommodation Review by the TLDSB, Shedden said.

"At this time, there are no plans for an accommodation review at any school in our board," Shedden wrote in an email.



Snow Shuffle winner

Whitney Muenzel was the winner of West Guilford's Snow Shuffle poker run on Feb. 25, drawing three of a kind. This year's top prize was more than \$1,200. /Photo submitted

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Allergies an ongoing challenge

Darren Lum Staff reporter

Children are a blur, shrieking in delight, running by with plates and bowls of food, smelling of fresh vegetables leaving just the sound of pattering feet in their wake.

If there wasn't a title attached to it anyone stopping in would be excused for thinking the evening was like any other potluck: adults and their children fueled by the warmth of food made with patience and care.

However for this meal, the first Gluten Free Food Friendzy hosted in Haliburton by Daniela Pagliaro, several dishes on the kitchen table were made without the most common allergens such as wheat, soy and eggs.

A Carnarvon mother of three found it comforting to know there are others in a similar situation as her.

Joleen Thomas will have to be forgiven for thinking people who get an upset stomach or a scratchy throat from drinking milk or almonds have it easy.

After all she regularly deals with the most severe of allergies (known as anaphylaxis) on an ongoing basis that can prove fatal for her five-year-old daughter, Olivia.

The list of foods she has a reaction to (even when exposed to topically) includes dairy, tree nuts, peanuts, sesame seeds, shellfish, wheat products and barley.

Thomas first noticed something was wrong in the first week of Olivia's life was when her glands on the back of her neck were all swollen. What really set alarm bells ablaze was after the two-month immunization physical signs emerged.

"She was head to toe in eczema and wet, weepy eczema. The kind of thing you didn't want to take your baby into the public because people would say, 'Oh, my God, what's wrong?' It was awful," she said.

After several referrals that included pediatricians, who rec-

ommend steroid cream for the eczema, Thomas and her husband Stuart Humphries were unsatisfied.

Armed with a mother's intuition. Thomas continued to ask

Armed with a mother's intuition, Thomas continued to ask questions.

"There's something else wrong. It's not just dry skin," she said

When Olivia was close to eight months she began eating



Darren Lum Staff

Son, Tristan Humphries, has started to grow out of his allergies, Joleen Thomas, mother, said. Thomas and husband Stuart changed their life for their child Olivia, who has anaphylactic reactions to allergens such as dairy, eggs, wheat and nuts.

solid foods. That's when Thomas noticed an adverse reaction to barley, as her daughter vomited the allergen.

There were about 13 different doctors from pediatricians to dermatologists attending to Olivia at some point in the first year. The family ruled out any environmental concerns, having a house inspection.

As Olivia grew older and it became apparent she needed to gain more weight and a formula was recommend by a doctor.

"Her face swelled up. Her eyes. She couldn't breathe. She was gagging. I couldn't see her eyes. She had welts the size of toonies all over her face," she said.

Thomas discovered there were whey proteins in the formula. In the emergency ward they were referred to a pediatric gastroenterologist in Toronto. For a time celiac disease was considered. It was ruled out under the assumption that Olivia

never ate wheat. After a regular monitoring, she was put under the care of the team of doctors at Sick Kids Hospital.

Five years later, Thomas is no longer looking for an answer, as living with the challenge is just part of the family's life. She wonders though if the staph infection Olivia came home with when she was born had something to do with it.

"Nobody knows and nobody can tell us because statistically they say by the time they are in kindergarten they usually outgrow most of the food allergies. Nothing is getting better," she said.

Olivia's younger siblings are proof of that. Violet, 3, and Tristan, 22 months, have outgrown most of their allergies. Every eight months the family takes Olivia to an allergist at Sick Kids, hoping the list of allergens has reduced.

"We keep adding to the list. There's never been anything that has been stroked off," she said, adding the topical sensitivity has improved. Even soap and detergent can act as triggers causing hives. Now Olivia has started to show some symptoms of being influenced by the environment with asthmatic tendencies, Thomas said. The major concern she has for her daughter isn't so much for now, but years later.

"If she gets her first boyfriend and she wants to kiss. What if he ate pizza before and goes to kiss her? She could totally have a reaction from that," she said, adding Olivia's allergy can be triggered by touch.

Despite the innumerable challenges and regular monitoring, Thomas is not frustrated.

"I'm kind of over the woe is me part because I think we're better off for it. We completely overhauled our life and our life-styles. It's been for the better and the home schooling thing I think I'm totally destined to do," she said. "Like anything you want to find blame or find the reason why so I think we struggled a long time trying to figure out why and how we can fix it. Now it's normal and it's OK because Stuart, our family, are doing everything possible to make it a safe place for her," she said. The concern extends to public places such as the library where even borrowing a book can cause a problem, as the residuals of peanuts can trigger a reaction.

Thomas home-schools Olivia to avoid the challenging circumstances a public school could bring. Although schools are conscious of peanut allergies, Thomas has more concerns than the single allergen.

"I'm not worried about peanuts. I'm worried about eggs. I'm worried about dairy products. That's the scariest one for us. At this point right now I'm at home with the other kids so it's not worth our risk. We're not willing to risk it," she said.

However for all the concern she is confident in her daugh-

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Daughter gives mom the inspiration needed to resolve allergies

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ter to care for herself, understanding her reality.

"She won't shake people's hands unless she knows they're safe. She'll constantly remind people to wash their hands. 'Is this safe or is that safe?' There's no question in my mind she will be OK in that situation," she said.

Right now Thomas has all three children home, but when her other children become of school age she will reevaluate the situation and take it year-by-year. Pre-made and processed food is virtually unavailable to Olivia.

"We make everything from scratch. We spend most of our time in the kitchen," she said.

Shopping is more time consuming, as an excursion includes a list of items only available at several different specialty stores all over the county and beyond. Food handling, she points out, is crucial to healthy consumption. Even slight cross-contamination of shellfish with fish has caused problems for Olivia. They've since ruled out fish unless they can be assured of the processing.

A bright light is a new restaurant option in Haliburton.

Thomas is excited about being able to take her daughter to a new eatery Earthways that can cater to her daughter's restrictive diet.

The owner of Earthways, Michelle Connelly, said knowing this makes her feel "great because I've been on the receiving end of that most of my life."

The registered holistic nutritionist, who offers a menu of items made without wheat (gluten), and suitable to vegans and others with strict diets, dealt with allergies on a personal level for herself and her daughter, Miranda.

Connelly learned her breast milk was giving her daughter problems and as a result of her diet. She, too, had allergies. It led to her own personal path to not only help her daughter but herself. She sought out a holistic nutritionist who told her to cut dairy.

"Within a week, no kidding, my daughter not only stopped

vomiting and diarrhea ... screaming for 12 hours a night, she was actually sleeping through the night and having normal bowel movements and I was so overjoyed," she said.

She acknowledges that her business is not completely hypoallergenic, however she is always ready to tell people about the ingredients of everything she makes.

"I know exactly what's going into it. It's me that's doing it and so I let people know," she said. With all of the food made on premises on the day or a day before, Connelly ensures food is fresh and can be made to order if notified in advance. She adds nuts are on the premises, but is conscious of cross contamination. For any other parents in a similar situation, Thomas gives this advice: "Stick with your instincts. Mom knows best and keep persevering because we could have treated [Olivia's issues first with] steroids and antibiotics, creams and whatever. My daughter might not be with us now if we didn't press harder [for] the reason why she was suffering from asymptomatic dermatitis. or eczema or whatever you want to call it."

Pagliaro was inspired by her daughter, Nadia, 14, to start the Gluten Free Food Friendzy group, which is a monthly potluck catering to people trying to live without gluten and assorted known allergens such as dairy, eggs and soy.

Nadia was first diagnosed with acid reflux when she was eight. When the acid blockers became ineffective, Pagliaro was unsatisfied with the doctor's suggestion to increase the dosage.

Last year, Pagliaro was diagnosed with breast cancer and while she endured cancer treatments she discovered a plethora of allergies she and her daughter had.

Pagliaro was always reluctant to rely on pharmaceutical drugs for Nadia, looking to naturopaths and improved diet. As of five months ago, her daughter is no longer experiencing discomfort with her stomach since Pagliaro adopted a diet without gluten, dairy, soy, sesame and eggs. She's even gone to the extent of making everything, avoiding processed foods and has toyed with the idea of canning.

She hosted the first Friendzy earlier this month and with close to 20 people (children and adults), the event was a success, warranting future meetings. It not only provided an opportunity to share recipes and experiences, but was also an opportunity to socialize and feel united within a society that consumes gluten products at almost every meal. The next scheduled event, which is by invitation, is at 4 p.m. on March 4. The specific location has yet to be determined, but anyone interested in more information can call Pagliaro at 457-8917.

Thomas loved the concept of the Friendzy and is anxious to meet others with similar challenges. Not necessarily to get help, but to not feel alone. She welcomes anyone who needs advice or help to call her, as she only wishes she had such a resource, particularly in the early going, with Olivia.

"Had I known what I know now ... I've just learned so much over the last five years. It would have been great to have a resource like me," Thomas said.

For more information on Earthways call Connelly at 705-

457-4894

Thomas can be reached at joleenthomas@hotmail.com.
The public can access more information using the EatRight
Ontario (www.eatrightontario.ca) and the Allergy/Asthma
Information Association (aaia.ca) websites. The health unit
offered the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology as another resource (www.csaci.ca).

The EatRight Ontario website said the definition of a food allergy involves the immune system reacting to a substance in food. Often this substance is a protein, which are known as allergens. Allergic reactions occur in the respiratory and the digestive systems, or the skin. It often results in wheezing or breathing difficulties, vomiting, diarrhea, skin rashes or hives.

The most common allergens include peanuts, tree nuts (walnuts, almonds, hazelnuts and cashews), milk, eggs, fish, shellfish, soy, sesame seeds and wheat.

Contrary to a food allergy, food intolerance is a reaction that does not involve the immune system. The website uses lactose intolerance as an example. When the lactose (the sugar found in milk) cannot be broken down it is an intolerance, whereas a milk allergy is caused by an immune response to the protein in cow's milk.

They add that the common symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction include difficulties with talking, swallowing, breathing, a drop in blood pressure, rapid heartbeat and unconsciousness.

According to the health unit, some children outgrow allergies to milk, soy and egg within a few years. While allergies to peanuts, tree, fish and shellfish are likely to last until adulthood. They report one of five children can outgrow their peanut allergy by school age.



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Sports

Red Hawks wrestlers clamour to top



Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship silver medalist and OFSAA qualifier Lily Coneybeare tilts her opponent for two points. Submitted by Paul Klose.

Red Hawks wrestler Nichole Honderich finishes a head-andarm throw with a pin in her semi-final match during the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championships. Honderich finished with a bronze medal and advanced to the all-provincials. Submitted by Paul Klose

On Thursday, Feb. 23, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) wrestling team competed at the 2012 Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) wrestling championships held in Lindsay. More than 200 of the best wrestlers from central Ontario participated at the

Thirteen Red Hawks qualified for the extremely competitive tournament. At the end of the day, 11 HHSS wrestlers ranked among the top four in their weight class.

The HHSS women's team had a particularly successful tournament. With all points combined, they placed second among all COSSA schools. Liz Toth led the team with a perfect record, earning the COSSA gold.

Coaches Paul Klose and Dan Fockler are extremely proud of the entire team for their performances at the tournament. Over the next week the team will work to prepare six Haliburton wrestlers for the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships held at the Memorial Centre in Peterborough from March 5 to 7. Congratulations to Lily Coneybeare, Nichole Honderich, Liz Toth, Bailey Walker, Keith Burley and Zane Zondervan on earning a berth to the provincial championships.

Women's Results

Gold Medal: Liz Toth (64 kg)

Silver Medal: Kayla Gardiner (47.5 kg), Bailey Walker (54 kg), Lily Coneybeare (67.5 kg)

Bronze Medal: Nichole Honderich (44 kg),

4th Place: Caitlyn Griffin (51 kg), Maia O'Sullivan (57.5 kg), Jenn Woolacott (61 kg)

Men's Results

Silver Medal: Keith Burley (83 kg) Bronze Medal: Zane Zondervan (77 kg) 4th Place: Mark Christie (95 kg) -Submitted by Paul Klose

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The Red Hawks varsity hockey team stormed back with four unanswered goals to win the first game of a two-game series against the Cobourg West Vikings on Thursday, Feb. 23. Howe scored the game winner and finished with three points (two goals and an assist). Submitted by Peter Elia

Red Hawks ground Vikings attack

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

It's one down, two to go.

Undefeated through the entire regular season (12-0), the Red Hawks varsity boys' hockey team continued their winning ways by beating host team the Cobourg West Vikings 4-1 in semi-final action on Thursday, Feb. 23.

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The Red Hawks are in a good position to advance to the Kawartha Boys High School Hockey League finals with the win for the two-game series. Haliburton will host the finals if they advance.

Head coach Ron Yake thought his team played hard from the drop of the puck.

He was happy when they scored their first goal after being turned away repeatedly by a hot Cobourg West goalie, who must have saved more than 50 shots, he said.

Coach Bruce Griffith said it was a "very good game for

Down a 1-0 with 1:59 left in the second period, Haliburton's forward Jordan Howe tallied the equalizer from linemate Brett Yake. Twenty seconds later Howe scored again with a "great individual effort" off of a pass from Nate Feir and Yake, coach Yake said.

The Red Hawks took a 2-1 lead into the second period and didn't look back, adding two more unanswered goals from Yake (assisted by Howe and Zach Boice) and Carson Roberts (assisted by Chris Hall and Tanner Hamilton).

Haliburton goalie Zach Harrison, who wasn't as busy as the goalie across from him, was solid and came up with timely saves, coach Yake said. He adds this kept the spirits of the team high.

The Red Hawks top two scorers in the Kawartha League, Yake and Howe, stepped up in the first playoff game. Yake, who finished as the Kawartha League points leader (35) and in goals (20), finished with three points (goal and two assists) while Howe, who was third in the league points race (29) and second in assists (18), finished with three points (two goals and an assist).

Note: Haliburton's team defence continues into the playoffs with the lone goal allowed. The Red Hawks allowed 19 goals in the 12 game regular season, resulting in a 1.58 GAA for the goalie tandem of Harrison and Andrew Elia.

As of press time the Red Hawks still had one more game to play in the two-game series against Cobourg West. The Red Hawks hosted Cobourg West at the Dysart Arena on the evening of Monday, Feb. 28. Check the web and the Minden Times for more information about the conclusion of the twogame series.

Girls 'ski their hearts out' at OFSA

By Jennifer Paton

HHSS Coach

The HHSS Nordic ski team of four senior girls had an outstanding trip to OFSAA in Huntsville on Feb. 23 and 24. With 652 skiers from 97 schools, it is the largest Nordic ski event in North America.

The individual races were Thursday at Arrowhead Provincial Park, and the senior girls course was 6.5 kilometres of terrain that was different from our home course at Glebe

Park: it was flat, except for one huge hill near the end. With 147 of the best high school skiers in the province, the girls skied their hearts out, and were proud of their results: Jillian Mayhew 45th, Brigitta Hicks 74th, McKenzie Hill 109th, Christine Darlington 115th. Overall the team placed 17th out of 25 senior girls' teams.

Friday was the relay races, and more than 270 truckloads of fresh snow were dumped on the streets of downtown Huntsville to create the first downtown Nordic relay course in eastern North America.

The 800 metre course was relatively soft and very chal-

lenging, including exciting hills, turns and traffic signs to dodge. The girls loved it! Their time of 11:29 for all four racers to negotiate the course was seventh in their heat, not good enough to advance to the final, but it was 14th best out of the 25 teams, so they improved from Friday's team

On the way home, the girls were planning for next ski season. Jillian Mayhew is graduating and going to Laurentian University, where she plans to ski for their Nordic team, so they will be recruiting someone to take her place to complete the team of four.

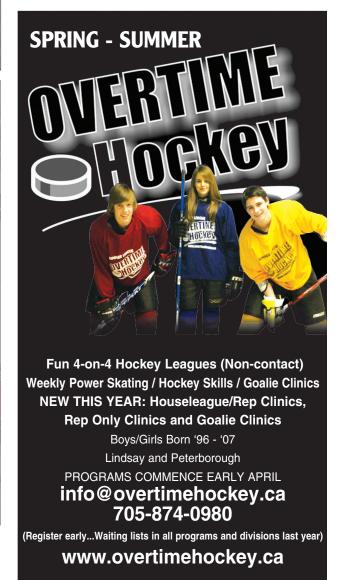




Haliburton's Nordic ski team came in 14th out of 25 teams in the 800 metre course in Huntsville's downtown Feb. 24. From left, Brigitta Hicks, McKenzie Hill, Christine Darlington and Jillian Mayhew.



Photos submitted by Brigitta Hicks





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Sandra Bramham took this photo of a deer with a strange antler-like object near its eye.



Sandra Bramham also captured this image of a redbreasted nuthatch at her front porch feeder near Wilberforce.

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Linda Heeps snapped a photo of a squirrel at a bird feeder.

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Reads of the week

Book of the Week:

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Junior Book of the Week - Picture Book Title:

Yoko Learns To Read by Rosemary Wells

Yoko is eager to learn how to read and her mama wants to help her. But they only have three picture books at home, all in Japanese. Yoko is worried that she'll be left behind when she sees the other kids in school earning leaf after leaf on the classroom book tree. Yoko and her mama begin taking books out of the library. Mama can't read the English words, but by looking at the pictures, sounding out letters, and recognizing words from the wall at school, Yoko gradually teaches herself. Will Yoko's new passion for books inspire Mama to make the same brave leap to learn? You can request Yoko Learns To Read, brand new on the shelves at the Haliburton County Pub-









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Local Celebrity Read:

Katlyn Doiron, a Grade 12 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, is reading Birthmarked by Caragh M. O'Brien, the first book in a new dystopian young adult



series of the same name. Doiron explains, "It is about a girl who is a midwife with her mom. They live outside the walls of the Enclave, which is the power center and home to the privileged people, while in the outskirts they are surrounded by poverty. The first three babies born each month get taken away to live in the Enclave. It's a futuristic type

of story and setting." "One day," Doiron says, "her parents gets taken away by the Enclave and the girl, Gaia, has to rescue

"I like futuristic books and a post-apocalyptic type of story"



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says Doiron. "There is some romance involved in this book, so I would suggest it to teenage girls. It's comparable to other popular dystopian YA novels.

When asked whether she plans to continue the series, Doiron says that yes, she is excited to continue onto the next three Birthmarked books.

News & Events:

Check out our March Break children's programming! It's Kids Can Grow for children aged two to seven years - bringing art, nature and fun together! Programs run on March 14 at Minden branch from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., March 15 at Dysart branch from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., March 16 at Wilberforce branch from 1 to 2 p.m.

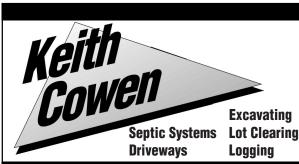
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REQUEST FOR TENDER

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Tender forms and specifications can be obtained at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, ON, or on our website at www.dysartetal.ca.

Tenders must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15th, 2012.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT **MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL**

- DATE Wednesday, March 14th, 2012
- TIME: 11:00 am.
- LOCATION: Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

- 1. D13-MV-12-004 Meijer
- Purpose and Effect: to permit the construction of a two storey private garage/private cabin on a lot which is
- a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a private garage/private cabin to have a minimum exterior side lot line setback of 3 metres (9 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 7.5 metres (24.61 feet).
- b) A variance to the provisions of Sections 3.1(d)(v) & 3.1(e)(iv) to permit a private cabin to have a minimum exterior side lot line setback of 3 metres (9 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 7.5 metres (24.61 feet).
- c) A variance to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a lot in the WR4L zone to have a maximum of 3 accessory buildings as opposed to the permitted maximum of 2 accessory buildings.
- Location: Part Lot 27, Concession 9 in the geographic Township of Harcourt (Benoir Lake Marquis Drive)

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

February 28th, 2012

Jeff Iles Secretary - Treasurer. **Committee of Adjustment**

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What a difference a snowstorm makes. Sure, there's shovelling and plowing and keeping the car on the road. But oh the joy on the faces of the snowmobilers enjoying a pleasant run on the freshly padded sunlit trails. And the delight of the hurrying servers in the restaurants bringing nourishment to hungry sledders taking a break. Spring may be anticipated but lovely snow on the final weekend of February is welcomed by many. Besides we are a northern people and there is still a month of curling left to

It was entertaining to join others on Family Day Feb. 20 for some movies. The Highlands East recreation and cultural committee arranged two sessions of films that day at the Lloyd Watson Centre. The afternoon session had short films that had appeal for all ages. Everyone seemed to be content to munch their popcorn and enjoy the show of shorts and documentaries by our National Film Board of Canada. And the movies were free.

What's not to like about The Sweater by Roch Carrier? Remember that classic story of the problems of a little Quebec boy having to wear a Maple Leafs sweater when he and all his friends were fans of Maurice Richard and the Montreal Canadiens?

Some of the animated shorts as well as entertaining also had messages about such things as aging and how our love affair with cars is adding to environmental problems. The longer film *Paddle To The Sea*, an old favourite, had viewers follow the travels of the little carved canoe and rider as it moved through our Great Lakes from Superior to the Atlantic. The beauty, the vastness, the pollution, the natural environment, the human footprints all wonderfully portrayed.

The evening session was a documentary entitled Water Walker with Canadians Bill Mason and music by Bruce Cockburn. It followed the travels of a lone artist and his canoe exploring and recording in oils the beauty and grandeur of Lake Superior's north shore.

A much appreciated way to enjoy films in the company of others. The committee will present films in Cardiff village during March Break and in Gooderham in April. Watch for posters with details.

Stars have a great and a mysterious appeal – and not just those on stage and in films. Have you been watching the night sky show? I believe it is Jupiter and Venus that are impressing the solar system as they shine so brightly and so close together at this time. A short cold viewing about 10 p.m. last Saturday night revealed that a new crescent moon had joined these planets and a million stars in a truly spectacular sky. They will be there for a few more days. Let's hope for some clear night skies.



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HHHS is privileged to have an outstanding team of health professionals and modern facilities. Challenges persist in attracting new staff, meeting the needs of our aging population and, anticipating and planning for the

The HHHS board strives to bring together a group of individuals with knowledge of the community. All property owners in Haliburton County are welcome to apply. HHHS is particularly interested in hearing from people with knowledge and interest in any of the following areas:

- planning and delivery of quality and accessible health services
- public relations / communications
- · business / financial management and strategic planning
- participating on a community board

If you feel you have the time, energy and commitment to be a Director, then we would like to hear from you by **March 30, 2012**. The new Directors will be appointed at the annual general meeting in June.

For further information and an application package, please access our website at: www.hhhs.on.ca/administration & contacts / board & oversight.

Or contact: Marlene Vieira

Executive Assistant to

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NOTICE **COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE**

Pursuant to By-law No. 2008-18, notice is hereby provided that effective March 2012 regular meetings of Council shall convene at 9:00 a.m. on the fourth Monday of each month except for the month of December; it shall convene at 9:00 a.m. on the third Monday of the month.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is also provided that a Special Council Meeting will be held on Monday, March 5th, 2012, at 12:00 p.m. to consider the 2012 Preliminary Budget and a Planning matter.

Cheryl Coulson, A.M.C.T. Clerk

And the winner is ...

Steve Upshall purchased the winning ticket for the 2012 World Juniors Team Canada signed jersey at the Scotty Morrison Tournament supporting Haliburton's Community Care the weekend of Feb. 4. He came with his grandson to see the Stanley Cup and ended up buying a ticket for the jersey. Upshall, left, was given the jersey by Scotty Morrison himself. Congratulations! Photo submitted



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Tender Forms will be opened on March 30, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Wilberforce Municipal Office

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF STORMY LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., a Ey-Law to close, stop up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 28. Concession 14, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 2 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Greg Bishop, O.L.S., dated June 6, 2011.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 to 4:30 p.m, Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East Shall then and there hear in in person or by his or her counsel. solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time. DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 21st day of February, 2012

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River to Regional Rd. 169; Regional Rd. 169 from Washago to Hwy. 12; Hwy. 12, from Regional Rd. 169 to Hwy. 7, north of Sunderland; Hwy. 7, from Hwy. 12 to Regional Rd. 7B at Carleton Place; Regional Rd. 7B to Hwy. 15; and Regional Rd. 29 to Amprior

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- Jan 15-March 4th The Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing (CADS) will run a low cost Sunday programme for children and adults who have any form of disability, ie. physical, social, visible. Age is no problem. A pre-programme registration is required. Our 2012 programme begins at Sir Sams January 15th at 9:30am. and concluded by 3pm. or when the student shows signs of fatigue. Volunteers with average skiing ability are welcome to participate in the programme. For more information call Terry Maher 705-457-9604
- Feb 28 Yoga at the Library with Linda Shadbolt from 4-5p, in the Howard Roberts Room Admission by donation to the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library
- March 2-5 Winter Folk Camp: at YMCA Camp Wanakita for more information call Thom Lambert at 705-457-9110 or
- March 16: Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary's St' Patrick's Day Lunch in the Legion Hall, 11.30 1.30. Adults \$8.00, 12 and under \$4.00
- Community Care Haliburton County Social Recreation (in the drop-in centre) Wii games Tuesday 9:30 a.m. noon Contract Bridge – Monday 1-4 p.m. Cribbage – Fridays 1 – 4 p.m. For any additional information call 705-457-2941 Ext.
- Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners Guild meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574
- Help to Preserve our History with a veterans museum Wanted: British, Canadian or German WWI and WWII items Uniforms, helmets and caps and metals, photographs, shells and weapons Please do not donate money. Items broken or in part are welcome. Contact Martin Hofland at 705-457-2382
- Minden Food Bank is in desperate need of more volunteers. For any one interested they can call the Food Bank from 9-4 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays or by emailing us at mindencommunityfoodbank@bellnet.ca . Thanks in advance

- Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 will be hosting a musical performance by The Kellett Family on Saturday, March 3 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. The afternoon includes 'Open Mic' time for anyone that want to take the stage and there will be meat draws with tickets purchased at the event. The public is invited to join us at the intersection of Hwy #35 and County Road #21.
- Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 is looking for volunteers to help out in the branch kitchen. If you can spare a few hours each week to help the Legion continue their support to the community and the membership please call the branch at 705-286-4541. It will be much appreciated.
- SMART Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together is a safe, gentle exercise program to maintain strength, balance and flexibility. \$2 per session. In Minden Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in Hyland Crest auditorium. Thursdays in Haliburton at Echo Hills at 1:00pm. To register call Carol at 705-286-2500 ext. 265 or Melanie Therrien (VON) at 800-743-6255 ex 6451.
- TOASTMASTERS meet at the Minden United Church Wednesdays at 7pm Everyone Welcome ages 18 80. What is TOASTMASTERS? Visit www.toastmasters.org
- Volunteer Recruitment: Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes Health and Support Services is currently recruiting volunteers Training provided. Contact Eileen MacCormack, 705-324-7323, ext. 274 or emaccormack@ community-care.on.ca.The Minden Food Bank is in desperate need of more volunteers. For any one interested they can call the Food Bank from 9-4 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays or by emailing us at mindencommunityfoodbank@bellnet. ca. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be emailed to jmceathron@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Turning SAD into Eee-hawww!



Why, if my good friends Vilma Yuccch, Twindle Mumbly and Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom weren't feeling blue as a turtle in a Toronto crosswalk. And it wasn't because of the Tax Man, although he's real good at making folks' blood clot. And it wasn't because they were too late entering their chocolate chip and tuna casserole in the Lake WhaddyathinkImean Get Creative Bake-off. It's because they all had SAD ... Seasonal Affective Dis-

order, and that's no laughing matter, don'tcha know.

Why half of Lake W gets SAD to one degree or t'other. Seems the sun just doesn't shine long enough to keep folks' endorphins happy. They're those little elf-like molecules that bring good cheer to your brain and make your lips curl up, don'tcha know.

Twindle was so desperate he glued a light bulb to his head and walked around his B&B & Taxidermy plugged into a wall socket with the longest cord this gal has ever seen. Problem is, it wasn't the right kinda light and instead of making him feel better, it fried a bald spot smack in the middle of his head. Now he looks like Friar Tuck and feels 10 times worse!

Officer McB tried an old Albert Brooks trick. He put bologna in his shoes hoping that just thinking about it would make him laugh. Instead, being a neat-nick and all, he kept feeling his toes squishing around on the bologna and just the thought of it made his BLUE feeling, turn PURPLE!

Vilma on the other hand went shopping on the Internet and bought herself a proper SAD therapy light. For winter depression, don'tcha know. And what a difference THAT made. Why it simulates natural full spectrum sunlight, and the UV filter makes sure there are no harmful ultra violet rays. And after using it every day for a week, she not only slept like a baby, she stopped crying in her soup ... which is a good thing 'cause Vilma's pretty heavy on the salt, don'tcha know.

Now Bogart's another story. And I saved his for last because he was my biggest concern. Yes, my bear got the winter blues, too. How do I know? He TOLD me so. You see, Officer McB invented a thought-voice synthesizer tam o'shanter cap that

Bogart wears to let me know what he's thinking. And if his thoughts didn't read like a handkerchief book!

Why he was thinking his heart throb Lindsay Lohan was so far out of his league, he stopped sending her links to his favourite National Geographic love nests. He even gave up practicing his favourite George Carlin routines. And tap dancing? Why I found his patent leathers in the garbage with a curled up picture of his idol. Fred Astaire.

I'm telling you, ol' Maybelle was so concerned I sought the counsel of my late great Auntie Fester. She was always the wisest person I knew and just because she's no longer wearing a body suit doesn't mean she doesn't answer her phone!

Why I sat right down in my LADYboy (that's like a Lazyboy only pink, don'tcha know), and I let all that clutter in my mind fall away like fur in molting season. And before I knew it, everything became so still and quiet that even the silence had a hum to it. That's when I sent out this thought ... Auntie Fester, please tell me how I can help Bogart feel joy again.

I'm not sure how much time went by, but the next thing I knew, my cottage door flew open and in came Vilma and Officer McB carrying the biggest SAD therapy light in exist-

"I made it for Bogart," McB said.

Thank you, Auntie F, I whispered, tears streaming down my

That was two weeks ago. Now I can't get that bear to stop singing and humming, dancing and prancing.

There sure is something special about light. Specially the kind your friends carry around with them ... on the inside, don'tcha know.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Listen to Fireside Stories from Lake WhaddyathinkImean on 100.9 Canoe FM the second Sunday of the month just after 5 p.m. during Afternoon Delight.



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The February meeting of the historical society held at Maple Lake United Church featured Fred Gregory, who spoke knowledgeably on the area around this church when it was known as Clark's Corners.

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The next meeting is at the same location when Michael Barnes speaks about the Order of Canada, of which he is a proud member.

The cost for membership in the historical society is \$20. Individuals who come to one meeting pay \$5. This helps to cover the cost of refreshments served before the meeting begins.

Welcome to the neighbourhood to Doug and Kim Ross, residing now in what is locally known as Carol Duncan's house. Doug is the new pastor at the Gospel Lighthouse Church in Haliburton.

The weatherman smiled on the Snow Shuffle this year. From the 9:30 a.m. registration until the dance at night the weather held clear and cold. All day on Friday food preparation was underway in the persons of Wendy Rivers, Mandy Swinson, Lynn Morrison, T.J. Rivers and Ryan Ried.

Piles of supplies for gifts as prizes filled a large area of the hall as the run was on. One hundred and fifty people registered and the poker run was won by Whitney Muenzel. The dance was in Jamie Bacon's capable hands as DJ for the event.

The huge success was due to the local sponsors through the generosity of the community.

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Euchre on Feb. 21:

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Bantam B girls defeated by Whitby Wolves

The Minden Car Quest Highland Storm Bantam B girls finished the weekend tied at a game each against their round two opponents – Whitby Wolves.

On Saturday in Minden, the Storm girls grinded out a win in their first game of the best of three series.

A lucky bounce pushed the Storm out ahead in the first period but Whitby fought back in the second and tied the game off a loose puck in the slot. Maddie Billings scored from the point on a late second period power play for the eventual game winner.

On Sunday night, the Storm girls travelled to Whitby for Game 2.

Whitby stepped up the level of play and out-hustled the Highland Storm girls for much of the game.

The girls could not seem to get going and even with a five-minute power-play, were unable to generate many scoring chances.

Erin Little had the sole Storm tally off a great battle beating the D and the tender to draw close, trailing 2-1. But Whitby proved to be too strong and defeated the Storm 3-1.

Game 3 will decide the winner in Minden Friday, March 2 at 8 p.m. Home ice has been a critical piece in the four games this year between the two clubs, with the home team winning each contest.

Get ready for a 32-minute battle, Storm girls.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Tykes travel to Sunderland

Highland Storm Tykes travelled to Sunderland on Feb. 18. With both teams battling to win, we tied 2-2.

Damon Harriss scored the first goal followed by a Nick Phippen goal assisted by Hunter Winder.

We hosted our first home game against Gravenhurst on Feb. 19. First goal scored by Hunter Winder assisted by goalie Dylan Keefer. Second goal scored by Gage Hutchinson assisted by Damon Harriss. Third goal scored by duo Gage Hutchinson assisted by Damon Harriss. Final goal scored unassisted by Nick Phippen. Winning 4-2

Highland Storm Tykes travelled to Port Carling for a tournament on Feb. 26. Game 1 faced off against Parry Sound Sharks. First goal scored by Hunter Winder assisted by Nick Phippen and Kyan Hall. Battling back and forth Hunter Winder scored assisted by Kyan Hall and Nick Phippen. Another quick goal scored by Damon Harriss assisted by Matt Vargas and Emily Alexander.

Third period saw goals from Kyan Hall, assisted by Hunter Winder and Emily Alexander. Gage Hutchinson assisted by Damon Harriss and Matt Vargas. Nick Phippen assisted by Dylan Keefer and Ava Smith. Final goal scored by Kyan Hall assisted by Ty Mills and Nick Phippen.

Game 2 faced off against Bracebridge. Both teams equally matched our kids battling hard. Gage Hutchinson scored the first goal assisted by Matt Vargas.

Only for them to answer back with a goal of their own. Second period Damon Harriss passed the puck to Matt Vargas who shot it in the net. Third period Gage Hutchinson passes the puck to Matt Vargas who passed to Damon Harriss, he scores! Dylan Keefer made excellent moves in the pipes. Highland Storm wins 3-2. Off to play in the A Finals.

Highland Storm faces off against Port Carling. Matt Vargas scores. Gage Hutchinson scores assisted by Damon Harriss and Matt Vargas. Kyan Hall scores assisted by Hunter Winder. Nick Phippen scores assisted by Emily Alexander and Ryan Rupnow. Hunter Winder scores assisted by Nick Phippen and Kyan Hall.

h goal scored by Nick Phippen assisted by Hunter Winder and Kyan Hall. Final goal scored by Nick Phippen assisted by Kyan Hall and Hunter Winder. We won 7-3. Highland Storm Tykes A Champs.

The Tyke parents would like to say a big special congrats and thank you to Josh Shaw (coach) Ron Hall (trainer) Mike Billings (assistant coach) and Tim Keefer (helper) for all they have done for the

Tyke team this year.
Submitted by Monica Keefer

Atom As lose in overtime 2-1

Saturday brought us to Game 5 of our quarter-final series, with another do or die situation staring us in the face. Those boys knew they had another hard weekend ahead, with a two-game must-win to advance to the semi finals.

We sure went out and played a great game, with heart and determination to win again this weekend, but unfortunately fell short by a goal losing in overtime 2-1.

Those boys have absolutely nothing to be sad about. They all played an amazing game, keeping the crowd on the edge of their seats.

With loads of shots and chances at scoring we just didn't get any lucky bounces. Also two goals called off for us, the boys found it in them to pick themselves up and carry on, and keep trying.

The defence did a great job as well keeping the puck away from our net. With lots of back checking, the other team had a hard time getting any shots off as well.

The goaltending was another hot spot on the ice throughout the entire game. With a lot of amazing saves, coming up big at crucial times to keep us in the game

We found ourselves in a very familiar spot tied 1-1 after three periods of hockey. Going into overtime once again hoping to score a goal and keep us alive for a sixth game.

Overtime was a situation we didn't want to be in, but it was and we had to keep going, and those boys gave it their all. The refs were definitely not helping us out at all, finding ourselves with two boys in the box with two minutes left, and them with a two-man advantage.

We held them off until there were 25 seconds left in the game and they were lucky enough to get a goal and win the game.

A very sad ending to our season of playoffs but we gave it our all. Good work boys, be proud you all did well. Sponsored by Dollo's Foodland.

Submitted by Joanne Sisson

Peewee As win playoff game

Dr. Ed Smolen Family Dentistry sponsored Peewee As started their MPS (Muskoka-Parry Sound) playoffs this Sunday, Feb. 26 against the Huntsville Otters, in Huntsville.

The first game was on the big ice, and the Otters took a while to get into the game. The first goal was scored by Mark Saville assisted by Ethan Keefer and Kyle Cooper and the second goal also in the first was by Matt Wilbee assisted by Greg Crofts and Chase Burden. By the second

period it was a tie game of 3-3 with our third goal coming from Max MacNaull assisted by Chris Thompson.

Both teams were now playing hard but it looked like the Storm was having a little trouble covering the big ice, when they pulled ahead making it 4-3 at the end of the second with a goal by Chase Burden assisted by Matt Wilbee and Chris Thompson.

With both teams playing hard now and pretty much matching goal for goal, it left the fans wondering what was going to happen in the third. The teams came out and from the face off the Storm took the puck and within 57 seconds had scored two goals to make it 6-3.

The goals were by Chris Thompson assisted by Chase Burden and Matt Wilbee, and a beauty by Andrew Hall from the blue line, assisted by Kyle Cooper.

That is how the scoring stayed until the end of the game making it a win for the Storm.

This is the best two out of three game series, with the next game Sunday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m. in Haliburton.

Submitted by Karena Crofts

Bantam AEs face Huntsville in playoffs

The Dave's Landscaping/McKee Security Bantams hosted Huntsville on Sunday looking for a sweep of their two game round robin series.

The Storm struck first at 6:08 of the opening period when Brenden McKee poked home a rebound of a Jaydon Wood shot after some digging by Wood and Kyle Lavergne along the boards.

Hunter Bishop staked the Storm to a two goal lead when he finished off a nice passing play with Lucas Esson and Josh Rowden at the 3:36 mark.

The second period ended scoreless and the Storm went into the intermission leading by two.

The Otters scored early in the third and the lead was reduced to one.

Huntsville gained some momentum from the early goal and continued to apply pressure however goaltender Austin McKay was up for the challenge and turned aside every opportunity.

Damen Winder scored on a breakaway to restore the two goal lead, Bishop and Angus Sullivan drew the assists.

Jaydon Wood then followed with a backhand goal virtually putting the game away with Lavergne and McKee getting the assists.

Huntsville scored once more at the 1:21 mark on a power play but Bishop, with an assist to Drew Vanlieshout, scored his second of the game into an empty net to win the series two games to none.

The Storm will now face Parry Sound for the MPS championship at a date yet to be determined.

They will continue their OMHA playdowns with Brighton beginning next weekend.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan



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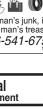
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McPHAIL, James Weldon - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, February 18, 2012. In his 89th year. Beloved husband of Olive and predeceased by Pearl (1990). Loving father to Jewel (infant daughter stillborn), Jim (Gloria) of Haliburton, Carol of Haliburton, Wally (Judy) Harrison of Peterborough. Dear grandpa to Timothy (Dawn) McNeil, Leanne Lopez (George Tomlinson), Jennifer (Karl) Mueller, Kimberly (Mike) Ormiston, Blake, James and Jessie Harrison. Dear great pop-pa to Noah, Joshua, Drew and Jesse McNeil, Mariah Lopez, Dawson and Jaiden Mueller, Chloe and Reed Ormiston. Dear brother to Evelyn (Bob) Lohnes; brother-inlaw to Lorna-Belle McPhail, Elsie McPhail, Betz McPhail, and Jean Harrison. Predeceased by his parents Delbert and Frances Mc Phail, brothers Fred, Bert, Cecil, and by his sister Ann, great grandsons Zach Mueller (2002) and Austin McNeil (2005). Fondly remembered by John McNeil, Joe Lopez and also by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday, February 23, 2012 from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm. Funeral Service will be heldin the Chapel on Friday, February 24, 2012 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre at the funeral home. Spring Interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Gideon Bibles or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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